

## Nepalese Delegation Visits ICAR-IARI

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Nepalese Delegation comprising of 14 number of Hon'ble Members of Parliament and 3 officials of Free Youth Democratic Organization Nepal (FYDON) have visited ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 to understand research, education, extension and policy in research and development in Indian Agriculture sector. An interaction meeting of Nepalese delegation with Director, School Coordinators and faculty of IARI was organized in Conference Hall of M.S. Swaminathan Library.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, and Vice Chancellor, ICAR-IARI heartily welcomed the Nepal Delegation led by Shri Rajendra Prasad Pande, Hon'ble Member of Parliament. He briefed the delegation about the 120 years of history, genesis and significant contributions of ICAR-IARI to Indian agriculture through cutting-edge research, education, and extension services. Dr. Rao also spoke about the longstanding ties between India and Nepal, noting the shared challenges both countries face in terms of climate change and economic development. He further explained the need for conducting collaborative research on climate resilient varieties, smart water management, post-harvest technology and formulating policy on gender empowerment in agriculture and developing new methodologies for faster adoption of proven and bankable technologies.

Dr. P.S. Brahmanand, Project Director, WTC, ICAR-IARI gave brief description of salient technologies of the Institute followed by group discussion. During interaction, the Nepalese delegation thanked Director and scientists of ICAR-IARI and requested for research collaboration in areas of small holder friendly agriculture, integrated farming system, water use efficient practices for uplands and terai regions and retaining youth in farm sector. Later, the delegates visited Nanaji Deshmukh National Plant Phenomics Facility, Integrated Farming System Model and Centre for Protected Cultivation and Technology and they were delighted to see the research innovations being carried out at IARI.





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